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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As an Alabama House member with a strong business and entrepreneurial background, I believe in the power of innovation and competition to help drive our economy. Like you, I believe that more flexibility, not more -- and more prescriptive -- regulation will drive innovation and growth.

I am concerned, however, that the potential network neutrality regulation in the wireless market will indeed lead to more regulation of an industry that has seen unrivaled growth and competition that benefits the citizens and employers in Alabama. In short, regulations that impact the wireless market would result in weaker wireless networks and less private sector investments -- two steps back when what we need are more steps forward.

One of my most important charges is to help bring economic growth and jobs to Alabama. The wireless network regulations under consideration would, however, lessen investment and remove the jobs we need to begin the long road to economic turnaround.

The rapid rise of wireless phones and networks are a shining example of the success of a competitive market in telecom. Consumers have more choices than ever before, thanks to the innovation and drive of the industry. Wireless companies large and small compete vigorously, building newer, more advanced networks with an able and educated workforce. New regulations would seriously disrupt this investment.

Less regulation, not more, will benefit the residents of Alabama.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Williams".

Phil Williams